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ON THE

ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

FOR THE YEAR 1864.

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DISTRICT OF SONTHAL PERGUNNAHS.

	Square Miles.		Souls.
AREA	5,375	POPULATION.....	5,22,000

	1	2		3		4		5	
	CRIMES.	1864.		1863.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
1	Offences against the State	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Offences relating to the Army	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.
3	Offences against public tranquillity	41	125	38	100	3	25	.....	.....
4	Offences by, or relating to, public servants	22	42	53	82	.....	.....	31	40
5	Contempt of lawful authority of public servants	147	329	105	188	42	141	.....	.....
6	False evidence and offences against public justice	120	153	114	159	6	.....	.....	6
7	Offences relating to coin and Government stamps	10	13	3	3	7	10	.....	.....
8	Offences relating to weights and measures	13	16	23	23	.....	..	10	7
9	Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency, and morals	70	79	23	45	47	34	.....	.....
10	Offences relating to religion	.....	.....		....	.....	.....	.....	.
11	Offences affecting the human body	900	1,181	1,139	1,510	.....	.....	239	329
12	Offences against property	1,913	2,686	2,316	3,127		..	403	441
13	Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks	2	4	3	6	..	2	1	2
14	Criminal breach of contract of service	1	2	1	12	.....	.....	.....	10
15	Offences relating to marriage..	19	20	21	29	... .	.....	2	9
16	Defamation	45	54	64	96	....	.....	19	42
17	Criminal intimidation, insult, and annoyance	77	101	90	113	.....	...	13	12
18	Miscellaneous offences	331	447	251	340	80	107	.....	.....
	Total	3,711	5,252	4,244	5,833	185	317	718	898

The year under report shews a decrease in the important crimes, which is satisfactory.

1st and 2nd Class offences are blank.

3RD CLASS.—*Offences against Public tranquillity.*

1		2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1864.		1863.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.					Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Asst. Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Asst. Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.				
1	Unlawful assembly, Section 143	3	14	1	6	...	14	14	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	6	...	5*	...	...	...
2	Rioting, &c., Section 147 ...	1	6	1	1	...	6	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Affray, Section 160	37	105	36	93	...	101	101	...	...	...	87	4	...	...	...	10	.	...	...	..	...
	Total	41	125	38	100	...	121	121	...	...	...	96	4	...	...	...	16	...	5	...	...	...

The arrests and convictions are very good.

4TH CLASS.—*Offences by, or relating to, Public Servants.*

1		2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1864.		1863.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.					Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner				
1	Offences by public servants, Sections 162 to 169	16	33	51	77	1	31	32	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	2	...	3*	...	...	...
2	Offences relating to public servants, Sections 170 and 171	4	9	2	5	...	9	9	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	2	.	.	...	...	...
	Total	22	42	53	82	1	40	41	...	...	...	34	..	..	...	...	4	...	3		...	...

The convictions are good.

* Rajmehal.

5TH CLASS.—*Contempt of the lawful authority of Public Servants.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES	1864.		1863		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL			CONVICTED					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL					Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
	Cases	Persons.	Cases.	Persons	Pending on 1st January	Arrested during the year.	Total	High Court.	Commissoner.	Deputy Commissoner.	Assistant Commissoner	Sub-Asst Commissioner	High Court.	Commissioner	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissoner	Sub-Asst Commissoner				
1 Contempt of lawful authority, Sections 172 to 190	147	329	105	188	1	332	323		.		287	1				34		1*			

Convictions good.

* Pakour

6TH CLASS.—*False evidence and offences against Public Justice.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES	1864		1863		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL					Pending on 31st December 1864	Died.	Escaped	Transferred.
	Cases	Persons	Cases.	Persons	Pending on 1st January	Arrested during the year	Total.	High Court	Commissioner	Deputy Commissoner.	Assistant Commissoner.	Sub Asst Commissioner.	High Court	Commissioner	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub Asst Commissoner				
1 False evidence or subornation &c, of the same, Sections 193 to 200	2	4	6	9	3	4	7		.	2						5	.				
2 Offences against public justice Sections 201 to 229	118	149	108	150		149	149			6	126	3	..			13	..		.		1
Total	120	153	114	159	3	153	156		.	8	126	3	.	.	.	18	..		.		1

Convictions good.

7TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to Coin and Government Stamps.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
	1864.		1863.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Offences relating to coin, Sections 231 to 254... ...	10	13	3	3	...	13	13	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	7	.....	...	...	...	...
2 Offences relating to Government stamps, &c., Sections 255 to 263	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...
Total	10	13	3	3	...	13	13	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	7	.....	...	...	...	...

Convictions not satisfactory.

8TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to Weights and Measures.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
	1864.		1863.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Offences relating to weights and measures, Sections 264 to 267	18	16	23	23	1	15	16	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...

Convictions good.

9TH CLASS.—*Offences affecting the Public health, safety, convenience, decency, and morals.*

	1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1864.		1863.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Offences affecting public health, Sections 269 to 278	21	21	5	6	...	21	21	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Ditto ditto safety, Sections 279 to 289	43	48	3	3	...	47	47	...	...	...	45	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
3	Ditto ditto convenience, Sections 290 and 291 ...	5	5	13	32	...	4	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Ditto ditto decency or morals, Sections 292 to 294	1	5	2	4	...	5	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	70	79	23	45	...	77	77	...	...	...	75	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...

Convictions very good.

10TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to Religion.*

	1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1864.		1863.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Offences relating to religion, Sections 295 to 298	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

11TH CLASS—*Offences affecting the human body.*

1		2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
		1864.		1863.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Murder, Section 302 ...	6	10	10	32	15	9	24	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	10	6	...	3*	..	...	.
2	Attempt to commit murder	2	2	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	2	..	...	...	...	..
3	Culpable homicide, Section 304	3	3	2	2	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1†	...	...	.
4	Thuggee, &c., Section 311	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...		..	..
5	Abetment of suicide, Sections 305 and 306 ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...		.
6	Attempt at suicide, Section 309	3	3	4	4	...	3	3	..	..	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..
7	Rape, Section 376 ...	6	15	6	8	2	15	17	..		2	...	...	..	...	..	15	...	..	...	..	
8	Unnatural offences, Section 377	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...
9	Causing miscarriage attended with aggravating circumstances, Sections 312 to 315	1	3	...	...	...	3	3	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	..	2	...	...	...	...	...
10	Other cases, Section 313 ...	1	2	1	1	...	2	2	..	...	1	...	...	...	..	1	..	...	...	...	...	...
11	Injury to unborn children	..		...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...
12	Exposure of infants ..	1	1	..	...	...	1	1		.	1	..		...	...	..	...	...	..		..	.
13	Concealment of births by secret disposal of the dead body	...	..	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	.	..	...	...	..	..
14	Kidnapping or forcible abduction with aggravating circumstances, Section 366	...	...	4	4	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	..
15	Other cases, Section 363 ...	...	...	4	7	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	..	...	...	.
16	Slavery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	.
17	Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.
18	Forced labor, Section 374	..	.	1	1	...	...		..	...	...	.	...	.	...	...	..	.	.	...		..
19	Hurt with aggravating circumstances, Sections 325 to 331 and 338 ...	7	17	3	4	..	17	17	...	...	1	...	..	...		...	16	..	.	...	.	...
20	Other cases, Sections 323, 324, 332, and 334 to 338 ..	41	60	26	63	8	56	64			4	38		...	..	4	18	...	...	..	...	.
21	Criminal force or assault, Sections 352 and 353 .	794	1005	1044	1307	15	498	513	...	...	...	209	11	.	.	...	232	49	12‡	..	...	.
22	Wrongful confinement, Sections 342 to 348	11	26	14	45	4	20	24				7	.		.	..	17		.		...	.
23	Ditto restraint, Section 341	22	34	20	32		20	20				14					6			...	.	.
	Total ...	900	1181	1139	1510	44	649	693			15	271	11	..	...	16	315	49	16	...	...	..

The convictions generally are unsatisfactory. They are very bad in the important crimes.

In which Division pending.
* 2 Deoghur,
1 Doomka.

† 1 Pakour.
‡ 11 Rajmehal, 1 Pakour.

12TH CLASS.—*Offences against Property.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1864.		1863.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Dacoity with murder, Section 396	...	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 Dacoity with attempt to cause death or grievous hurt, Section 397	1	18	1	15	...	13	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...
3 Dacoity, other cases, Sections 395, 399, 400, and 402	16	123	17	152	30	99	129	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	18	68	7	30	...	...	...
4 Robbery with hurt, Section 394	1	1	.....	.....	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 Robbery, other cases, Section 392	14	26	15	33	5	18	23	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	15	...	3	...	...	...
6 Theft with aggravating circumstances	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7 Other cases, Sections 379 to 381 and 401	943	1203	1401	1669	19	545	564	...	...	1	365	12	...	...	...	163	14	5	...	1	3
8 Other attempt...	10	10	4	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9 Extortion with aggravating circumstances	...	...	2	3	2	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10 Extortion, other cases, Sections 384 and 385	20	40	28	43	4	33	37	...	...	1	12	...	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	...
11 Criminal breach of trust, Sections 406 to 409	9	12	20	27	...	10	10	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
12 Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen property, Sections 411 to 414	56	132	60	124	1	128	129	...	...	...	79	...	...	...	...	35	8	6	...	1	...
13 Mischief with aggravating circumstances, Section 429	1	2	8	9	...	2	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
14 Mischief, other cases, Sections 426 to 428 and 434	153	211	57	111	11	170	181	...	...	...	90	1	...	...	...	84	5	1	...	...	...
15 Criminal trespass resulting in death or grievous hurt ...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16 Ditto for commission of serious offences, Sections 449, to 458	200	279	372	451	5	61	66	...	...	6	49	...	...	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	...
17 Ditto, other cases, Sections 447, 448, 451, 453, 454, 456, 461 and 462	373	471	189	328	9	166	175	...	...	...	80	1	...	...	...	76	11	6	...	1	...
18 Attempt at house-breaking	31	62	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19 Fraudulent deeds and dispossession of property ...	1	1	.....	.....	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20 Criminal misappropriation of property, Sections 403 and 404	29	41	86	75	5	38	43	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	7	...	1	...	...	...
21 Cheating, Sections 417, 418, and 419	55	59	55	70	7	40	47	...	...	1	17	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1913	2686	2316	3127	98*	1325	1423	...	...	19	735	14	...	...	21	518	45	65	...	3	3

The convictions in headings 3 and 5 are very bad. They are fair in the remaining heads.

* Under Class 12, Column 7 of last year the number 94 should have been 98.

The following shews the percentage of plundered property recovered :—

CRIMES.	Value of property plundered in all cases reported.	Value of property recovered.	Percentage of recovery on total loss.		Percentage of recovery in cases where the offenders were arrested.	
			1864.	1863.	1864.	1863.
	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Robbery	21 8 0	7 0 0	32 8 0	14 6 2	100 0 0	... ...
Dacoity	3,069 0 0	165 0 0	5 6 0	5 13 4	13 0 1	11 11 5
House trespass with intent to commit theft	6,689 0 0	515 8 0	7 11 0	11 5 10	27 0 10	22 8 10
Theft	9,048 0 0	3,242 0 0	35 13 3	47 11 2	76 9 11	42 6 10

This Statement shews a worse result than last year as to the property recovered, but a better as to amou nt of property stolen.

13TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1864.		1863.		Number of persons under trial.			Convicted.					Acquitted, discharged, or released on bail.					Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.				
1 Forgery or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers	2	4	3	6	...	4	4	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...

14TH CLASS.—*Criminal breach of Contract of Service.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1864.		1863.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.					Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Asst. Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Asst. Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.				
1 Criminal breach of Contract of service	1	2	1	12	0	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...

15TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to Marriage.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1864.		1863.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.					Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Asst. Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Asst. Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.				
1 Offences relating to marriage	19	20	21	29	...	15	15	...	...	1	8	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...

Convictions fair.

16TH CLASS.—*Defamation.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
	1864.		1863.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Asst. Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Asst. Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Defamation	45	54	64	96	...	34	34	...	...	...	12	1	...	...	...	19	1	1*	...	...	...

Convictions not satisfactory.

In what Division pending.
* 1 Rajmehal.

17TH CLASS.—*Criminal intimidation, insult, or annoyance.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
	1864.		1863.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Criminal intimidation resulting in death or grievous hurt	4	4	...	...	...	4	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
2 Other cases	71	95	90	113	...	60	60	...	...	...	30	4	...	...	...	23	1	2	...	...	...
3 Insult or annoyance resulting in death or other grievous hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4 Other cases	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	77	101	90	113	...	64	64	...	...	...	31	4	...	...	...	26	1	2	...	...	...

Convictions not satisfactory.

18TH CLASS.—*Miscellaneous Offences.*

1		2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
		1864.		1863.		Number of persons under trial.			Convicted.					Acquitted, discharged, or released on bail.								
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December 1864.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Breach of Abkarry Law ...	82	122	34	54	1	122	123	...	...	...	98	8	...	...	...	16	1	...	...	...	...
2	Railway accidents	20	34	2	2	3*	31	34	...	...	...	26	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...
3	Trespass of Railway under Act XVII. of 1854	...	...	27	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Cattle trespass under Act III. of 1857	60	76	57	96	...	60	60	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	22	5	1†	...	...	...
5	Maintenance under Section 316	44	53	30	31	1	30	31	...	...	...	10	4	...	...	...	12	5	...	...	...	...
6	Escape from Jail, Section 33	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	Enquiries into suspicious death	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Bad character under Sections 295, 296, and 99	24	48	12	13	...	42	42	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...
9	Recruiting Coolies under Act III. of 1863	7	10	8	18	...	10	10	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
10	Stopping road	1	1	1	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	Dispossession under Section 318	12	15	20	20	...	5	5	...	..	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
12	Forcible opposing seizure of cattle...	8	9	4	4	...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Miscellaneous	19	28	19	19	...	21	21	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
14	Recognizance Criminal Procedure Code, Section 282 ...	2	2	3	8	...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Manufacture of gunpowder	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Frivolous complaint ...	32	33	2	4	...	33	33	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
17	Gambling	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	Report of cattle trespass ...	11	11	25	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	Offences against public justice, Section 220	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	Stamp Act X. of 1862, Section 3	1	2	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
21	Possession of land, Act XXV. of 1861, Section 318 of Criminal Procedure Code ...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	331	447	251	340	5	363	368	...	...	...	268	12	...	...	...	76	11	1	...	...	...

The total number of persons arrested by the village authorities and brought into the Sudder Station on their own authority was 410, and 2,939 were sent in by order of the Assistant Commissioners. Of the former 305 were convicted, 13 committed, 89 acquitted, "died," escaped, 1 transferred, and 2 being pending. Of the latter 1,704 were convicted, 72 committed, 1,066 acquitted, "died," 3 escaped, 3 transferred, and 91 being pending.

The convictions are good.

* These 3 persons were implicated in a Railway accident punished with fine, they were erroneously entered in last year's Return under heading trespass of Railway.

† 1 Godda.

The following Table shews the number of Village Officers punished during the year 1864. *Dismissal* or *Deprivation.*

Rank.	Number.	Offence.	Deoghur.	Doomka.	Godda.	Pakour.	Rajmehal.
Purgunite	1	Giving false information ...	...	...	...	...	1
Desh Manjee	1	Ditto ditto ...	...	...	...	...	1
Chowkeedar	4	Ditto ditto ...	...	2	...	...	2
Ditto	33	Neglect of duty	20	7	2	...	4
Ditto	7	Absconded	...	...	...	...	7
Ditto	5	Not reporting crime	1	4	...	...	...
Ditto	4	Misappropriation of unclaimed property	1	3	...	...	...
Total	55	Total	22	16	2	...	15

B.—*Suspension.*

Rank.	Number	Offence.	Deoghur.	Doomka.	Godda.	Pakour.	Rajmehal.
Chowkeedar	1	Not reporting theft	1	...	...	...	...

C.—*Fines.*

Rank.	Number.	Number of times fined.	Amount.	Deoghur.	Doomka.	Godda.	Pakour.	Rajmehal.
			Rs. As. P.					
Purgunite	10	Once during the year	97 0 0	.....	3	1	4	2
Hill Sirdars	8	Ditto	55 0 0	.....	5	1	.....	2
Naib	4	Ditto	12 0 0	.....	.....	4	.....	.....
Manjees	112	Ditto	122 8 0	.....	1	111	.....	.....
Munduls	46	Ditto	635 0 0	29	2	1	.....	14
Chowkeedars	155	Ditto	460 8 0	116	18	17	1	3
Ditto	10	Twice	31 8 0	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	345	.....	1,413 8 0	155	29	135	5	21

The following Table gives the number of accidental deaths reported in 1864 :—

	Drowned.	Bitten by snakes.	Burnt.	Killed by lightning.	Killed by wild beasts.	Killed by bite of wild animals.	Killed by alligators.	By falling from trees.	By falling from a house.	By falling from walls.	Railway accident.	From other causes.	Excess of drinking.
Men	14	39	...	11	62	...	2	4	...	...	...	4	1
Women	14	16	1	5	20	...	...	5	...	...	...	1	...
Boys	16	14	6	...	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Girls	7	6	4	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	51	75	11	16	91	...	2	10	...	...	...	5	1

The following Officers were employed in the Sonthal Pergunnahs during 1864 :—

Name.	Rank.	Power.	Where.	From	To
				1864.	
Mr. B. Wood	Deputy Commissioner, Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Sessions Judge	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Jan. 1st .	March 31st.
„ W. R. Davies ...	Offg. ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	April 1st .	Sept. 20th
„ W. M. Smith ...	Assistant Commissioner, in charge Deputy Commissioner's Office.	Full powers of a Magistrate.	Ditto ...	Sept. 21st ...	Nov. 2nd.
„ A. G. Wilson ...	Offg. Deputy Commissioner, Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Sessions Judge...	Ditto ...	Nov. 3rd ...	Dec. 31st.
„ G. C. M. Smith...	Assistant Commissioner.	Subordinate Magistrate, First Class.	Rajmehal ...	Jan. 1st ..	Jan. 30th.
„ W. M. Smith ...	Ditto ...	Full powers of a Magistrate.	Ditto ..	Jan. 30th ...	Dec. 31st.
„ R. S. T. MacEwen	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Subordinate Magistrate, Second Class.	Ditto ...	March 11th ...	May 8th.
„ A. J. Fraser ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	July 8th ...	Dec. 31st.
„ R. S. T. MacEwen	Offg Assistant Commissioner.	Ditto, First Class	Pakour ...	Jan. 1st ...	March 10th.
„ G. C. M. Smith...	Assistant Commissioner.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	March 11th ...	Dec. 31st.
„ A. W. Cosserat ...	Ditto ...	Full powers of a Magistrate.	Doomka ...	Jan. 1st ...	Ditto.
„ G. K. Meares ...	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Subordinate Magistrate, Second Class.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	July 25th.
Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Sept. 20th ..	Dec. 31st.
„ C. W. Wilmot ...	Assistant Commissioner.	Full powers of a Magistrate.	Deoghur ...	Jan. 9th ...	Ditto.
„ W. M. Smith ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Jan. 1st ...	Jan. 8th.
„ A. J. Fraser ...	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Subordinate Magistrate, Second Class.	Ditto ...	Jan. 1st ...	Aug. 10th.
„ R. C. Chundra ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Aug. 11th ..	Sept. 30th.
„ R L. Sterndale	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ..	Oct. 1st .	Dec 31st.
„ A. C. Woodward..	Ditto .	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Jan. 1st ...	Ditto.
„ J. Bell	Offg Assistant Commissioner.	Ditto, First Class	Godda ...	Ditto ..	May 4th.
„ R. S. T. MacEwen	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	May 10th ...	Dec. 31st.

Of Mr. Wood I have often spoken in terms of high praise. He still deserves that praise.

Mr. Davies was acting Deputy Commissioner while I was in England.

Mr. Wilson appears to me to be wanting in activity and energy. He is better fitted to be a Judicial Commissioner than a Deputy Commissioner possessing executive authority as well as Judicial powers.

Mr. W. M. Smith has not done so well towards the latter end of the year as usual. His health has not been good.

Mr. G. C. M. Smith has done much better this year.

Mr. MacEwen has worked hard and well.

Mr. Cosserat has as usual done very good service.

Mr. Wilmot has as in former years done more work to himself than any other three Officers.

Mr. Meares and Mr. Fraser are promising Officers.

Mr. Woodward is clever but inclined to fight and argue.

Mr. Bell was a bad Officer.

Of Mr. Sterndale I have seen too little to form an opinion.

Mr. Wilmot under whom he has been gives him a high character.

Memorandum of wild beasts destroyed and for which rewards have been paid in 1864 :—

Animals.	Number.	Deoghur.	Number.	Doomka.	Number.	Godda.	Number.	Pakour.	Number.	Rajmehal.	Number.
Tigers ...	34	...	10	...	10	..	2	...	...	...	12
Leopards ...	136	...	46	...	72	...	2	...	5	...	11
Hyenas ...	48	...	19	...	27	...	2	...	...	...	...
Bears ...	78	...	41	...	34	...	3	...	...	...	...
Wolves ...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	300	...	120	...	143	...	9	...	5	...	23

GENERAL REMARKS.

During the year the new Police were introduced into the Deoghur District on my recommendation. The thing, however, has not been well done. Into a District where no Police whatever were in existence a body of men were introduced called Police, but of whom, not one man, from Inspector to Constable, had even done a day's Police work. There they were left for some time without any one to teach or guide them. Although in my recommendation I had pointed out the necessity of a Supervising Officer at Deoghur.

At last Mr. Campbell, who, in my opinion, was not fitted for a difficult task like this, went to Deoghur, where, however, according to Mr. Wilimot, the Magistrate, he did not succeed in doing much. I am of opinion that a trained Inspector and two or three trained Sub-Inspectors should be at once sent to Deoghur, as well as a sharp European Officer. This is urgently required to make the new system work properly. At present there is much mutual recrimination between the Assistant Commissioner and the Police Officers.

There are perhaps faults on both sides, but the main cause of the non-success is the want of direct and proper supervision over the whole by a European Police Officer and of proper supervision over the lower grades by Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors possessing experience and knowledge.

At the beginning of last year I also recommended that the Assistant Commissioner in the other Sonthal Districts should receive a certain amount of qualified Police assistance. The following are the words of my Memorandum to Major Pughe :—"I do not wish to alter the system. I would still leave the reporting of all crime to the heads of villages. Their responsibility would remain undiminished. But I would give the Assistant the help he requiries, *i. e.*, an Inspector or Sub-Inspector at Head-Quarters to be deputed by the Assistant when necessary for the conduct of local investigations and a small body of Constables to be employed in the apprehension of Criminals." The objects I had in view have not been attained. The Assistant Commissioners declare that the Inspector or Sub-Inspectors in command at each Station being men of no Police experience whatever cannot be trusted to go out on local investigations. I understand from a conversation I have had with the District Superintendent of Bhaugulpore that most of these men are old Police Battalion men, who were purposely sent to the Sonthal Pergunnahs as to places where the chief duties are those of guards. Such men are unfit to conduct local enquiries, especially among Sonthals and Pahareas, who have not been accustomed to Police and would resent the summary and high handed procedure of an old Sikh Soldier. Possibly an exchange might be made between some of these men and men in other Districts. Regulation ones.

(Sd.) A. MONEY,
Commissioner, Sonthal Pergunnahs.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE;
SONTHAL PERGUNNAHS,
The 27th June 1865.

CRIMINAL.

STATEMENT shewing the number of Appeals preferred from the orders of the Assistant Commissioners to the Deputy Commissioner in Criminal cases and in proceedings other than Criminal trials during the year 1864, with the orders passed thereon by the Deputy Commissioner, Sonthal Pergunnahs.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Appeals from orders passed in Criminal cases								Appeals from orders in Judicial Proceedings other than Criminal trials.								
From the Orders of	Pending on 31st December 1863.	Preferred during the year 1864. Appeals.	Preferred during the year 1864. Cases called for.	Total.	Appeals rejected.	Orders confirmed.	Orders modified or reversed.	Pending at the close of 1864.	Longest period in days during which any undecided case has been pending.	Pending on 31st December 1863.	Preferred during the year 1864. Appeals.	Preferred during the year 1864. Cases called for.	Total.	Appeals rejected.	Orders confirmed.	Orders modified or reversed.	Pending at the close of 1864.	Longest period in days during which any undecided case has been pending.	Remarks.
Mr. Assistant Commissioner W. M. Smith, Deoghur ...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	This Statement is not satisfactory as regards any of the Officers named except in one respect, and that is the small number of appeals lodged against the orders of the Lower Courts.
" " " C. W. Wilmot, " ...	...	25	...	25	10	5	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
" Sub-Asst. " A. C. Woodward, " ...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
" Assistant " A. C. Cosserat, Doomka ...	...	4	...	4	1	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	
" Offg. Asst. " J. Bell, Godda ...	...	4	...	4	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
" " " R. S. T. McEwen, " ...	...	2	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
" " " Ditto, Pakour ...	...	5	...	5	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
" Assistant " G. C. M. Smith, " ...	...	5	...	5	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
" " " Ditto, Rajmehal.	...	3	...	3	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
" " " W. M. Smith, " ...	...	3	...	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	53	...	53	16	15	21	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BHAGULPORE,
The 27th June 1865.

(Sd.) A. MONEY,
Commissioner.

CRIMINAL.

STATEMENT shewing the number of Commitments made by Sonthal Officers and how disposed of by the Deputy Commissioner for the year 1864.

Names of Officers making Commitment.	Name of Division.	Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	Number of Persons pending at the close of last year.	Total.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Died in Jail.	Committed to Commissioner.	Pending.	Total.	Remarks.
Mr. Asst. Commissioner W. M. Smith ...	Deoghur	4	11	15	26	20	6	...	...	...	26	
" " " C. W. Wilmot ...	Ditto	9	17	...	17	10	4	...	...	3*	17	* Decided on the 17th January 1864.
" Offg. " " John Bell ...	Godda	2	15	...	15	1	14	...	...	...	15	
" " " " R. S. T. MacEwen...	Ditto	4	8	...	8	1	5	...	...	20†	8	† Decided on the 11th January 1864.
" " " W. M. Smith ...	Rajmehal ...	7	12	...	12	5	...	...	...	7‡	12	‡Out of this number three persons were acquitted on the 28th March 1865.
" " " A. W. Cosserat ...	Doomka	4	8	...	8	6	1	...	...	1§	8	§ Decided on the 16th January 1865.
" Offg. " " R. S. T. MacEwen...	Pakour	1	2‖	8	10‖	3	5	...	...	...	8	‖ Two remanded for re-trial.
" " " G. C. M. Smith ...	Ditto	4	5	...	5	3	...	...	...	2¶	5	¶ Decided on the 30th January 1865.
Total		35	78	23	101	49	35	...	...	15*a*	99	

This Statement is satisfactory as regards all the Officers except Mr. Bell (since dead) and Mr. MacEwen.

(*a*.) Of the 15 persons shewn as pending, 5 were afterwards convicted, 6 acquitted, and 4 still pending for non-receipt of the papers from the Assistant Commissioner of Rajmehal.

Bhaugulpore,
The 27th June 1865.

(Sd.) A. MONEY,
Commissioner.

(RESOLUTION.)

JUDICIAL.

Dated H. M.'s Yacht "Rhotas," the 11th August 1865.

READ the Annual Police Report of the Sonthal Pergunnahs for the year 1864.

1. Owing to the absence of any Returns for 1862 in last year's Report the present Statements only exhibit a comparison of two years, instead of a comparison of the past with the average of previous years. It is satisfactory, however, to observe that there has been a decrease of crime compared with last year.

2. The entry of 14 persons as concerned in the three cases of unlawful assembly must be erroneous, as it requires 5 persons to constitute that offence.

3. The results in the murder cases are not satisfactory.

4. The results of the dacoity and robbery cases are equally unsatisfactory. Some history of the more heinous offences would not have been out of place in this Report. The Police do not appear to have been successful in the recovery of stolen property.

5. The Statement of Miscellaneous Offences has not been carefully prepared. Some of the entries as 2, 7, 9, 10 are unmeaning, others occur twice or three times over, as Nos. 4, 12, and 18, 11 and 21. Escapes from Jail should be recorded the Jail Report. The entry 8 should be omitted from the Statement under the Circular No. 4296, dated 22nd August 1864. The Sub-Division under the head of "*miscellaneous*" is unintelligible. The Lieutenant-Governor would like to be informed how 1 person was acquitted after being fined for bringing a frivolous and vexatious complaint. The case entered against 19 should have been included in offences under Class 6.

6. The Table exhibiting the punishment of Village Officers is very unsatisfactory. It would appear that no less than 401 persons rendered themselves liable to punishment for neglect of their Police duties.

7. The Civil Constabulary having now been introduced into the Sonthal Pergunnahs, the column shewing the number of persons discharged or released by the Police should be added in next year's Statement.

8. The Lieutenant-Governor notices with pleasure the favorable testimony borne to the services of Messrs. Wood, McEwen, Cosserat, and Wilmot. The result of his commitments, however, is not favorable to Mr. McEwen.

9. The attention of the Inspector-General of Police will be drawn to the recommendations of the Commissioner regarding the employment of trained Inspectors and the substitution of others for the present Sikh Constables. His Honor, however, regrets to hear of the "mutual recrimination"

between the Assistant Commissioner at Deoghur and the Police Officers. The Commissioner should give such orders as shall put an immediate stop to this.

By Order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

(Sd.) A. EDEN,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No. 4842.

ORDERED, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Sonthal Pergunnahs for his information and guidance.

No. 4843.

EXTRACT, paragraph 9, from the Lieutenant-Governor's Resolution on the Police Report of the Sonthal Pergunnahs for the year 1864, and copy of the Commissioner's general remarks, forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police for information.

DATED H. M.'S YACHT "RHOTAS,"
The 11th August 1865.

A. EDEN,
Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

Ed. W. Hungerford.